



# Speaking and Listening III Course (Level 3): English Debate (ELLS2212)

## Introduction

Hear ye, hear ye! Polish the points. Think fast on the feet. Take down the opponents! In this summer debate course, we will learn and master the techniques of formal debate. Research hot topics both local and global; prepare winning arguments; work on rhetoric and public speaking skills; and take on opponents in a modified version of Parliamentary debate.

## Programme Type / Level

Speaking and Listening III Course (Level 3) ([Token-required](#))

## Instructor(s)

Dr. Minh Ngan Tran, Yale University and HKU  
(Executive Director of Academic Affairs, EF Education First)

## Target Participants



- S4 – S6 HKAGE student members
- Class size: 30

## Medium of Instruction



English with English Notes

## Certificate



**E-Certificate** will be awarded to participants who have:

- ❖ Attended **AT LEAST 5** sessions AND
- ❖ Completed all the assignments with satisfactory performance

## Intended Learning Outcomes



Upon completion of the programme, participants should be able to:

1. Identify the primary and secondary points of the argument
2. Be able to anticipate rebuttals
3. Present cases to support an argument
4. Identify weaknesses in opponents' argument

## Screening



Please answer the screening questions in the online application form.

\*The screening question is designed to help the applicant understand the course level and the course content. The questions must be answered by the student applicant and can only be attempted once. The answers cannot be changed once the application is submitted. Selection is based on students' performance in answering the questions. Only students who can demonstrate motivation and critical thinking skills in the screening questions can be enrolled in the programme.

## Application Deadline

**1<sup>st</sup> batch: 29 April 2019**  
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**2<sup>nd</sup> batch: 14 May 2019**  
12n.n.

Application  
Result  
Release Date

**1<sup>st</sup> batch: 10 May 2019**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> batch: 24 May 2019**

If student members withdraw from the programme after the Application Deadline, the token will be deducted.

## Schedule



Session	Date	Time	Venue
1	8 Jun 2019	10:00am – 1:00pm	HKAGE Room G01
2		2:00pm – 5:00pm	
3	15 Jun 2019	10:00am – 1:00pm	
4		2:00pm – 5:00pm	
5	22 Jun 2019	10:00am – 1:00pm	
6		2:00pm – 5:00pm	

Course Reference:

### Debate Format<sup>4</sup>

Speaker <sup>4</sup>	Time <sup>4</sup>
Affirmative First Speaker (A) <sup>4</sup> - Presents the affirmative case <sup>4</sup>	3 mins <sup>4</sup>
Negative First Speaker (B) <sup>4</sup> - Presents the negative case and answers affirmative arguments <sup>4</sup>	3 mins <sup>4</sup>
Affirmative Second Speaker (C) <sup>4</sup> - Upholds the affirmative case and answers negative arguments <sup>4</sup>	3 mins <sup>4</sup>
Negative Second Speaker (D) <sup>4</sup> - Upholds the negative case and answers affirmative arguments <sup>4</sup>	3 mins <sup>4</sup>
Negative Cross Examination (BD → C) <sup>4</sup> - Holds the affirmative case against negative attacks <sup>4</sup>	2 mins <sup>4</sup>
Affirmative Cross Examination (AC → D) <sup>4</sup> - Holds the negative case against affirmative attacks <sup>4</sup>	2 mins <sup>4</sup>
Negative Rebuttal (B) <sup>4</sup> - Summarizes the debate and explains why the negative case should win <sup>4</sup>	2 mins <sup>4</sup>
Affirmative Rebuttal (A) <sup>4</sup> - Summarizes the debate and explains why the affirmative case should win <sup>4</sup>	2 mins <sup>4</sup>

Book Reference:

Thomas A. Hollihan and Kevin T. Baaske. "Arguments and Arguing." Waveland Press, 1994.

Enquiries



For enquiries, please contact us at 3940 0101. After language selection, press "1".